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O : Asst. Director for Operations

DATE: 26 December 1947

FROM : Executive for Administration and Mgt.

SUBJECT: Project 00-20, Preparation of Bibliography of Current Soviet
Scientific and Technical Periodicals by the Library of Congress

1. The action of the Projects Review Committee taken at a meeting on 10 December 1947, and approved by the Director on 23 December 1947 is quoted below:

"VI. Action Taken:

"The Projects Review Committee recommends that the Director of Central Intelligence:

- "(1) Approve adoption of the project for a complete bibliography of current Soviet periodicals to be undertaken by the Office of Operations upon receipt of a statement of requirements from Office of Reports and Estimates.
- "(2) Direct Office of Operations to report on the implementation of the project with regard to adequacy of facilities of the Documents Branch to meet national intelligence requirements in this field."
- 2. Report relative to the adequacy of the Documents Branch to meet the indicated requirements is requested by 15 January 1948.

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		Administration and Management	25X1A

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Minutes of Meeting of Projects Review Committee Central Intelligence Agency

held in Rm. 7129
North Interior Building
Washington, D.C.
at 0930, 10 December 1947

	I.	Members Present: Brigadier General E. K. Wright, Deputy Director, Chairman
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25X1A 25X1A 25X1A 25X1A	\ \	Others Present: Executive Director Executive for A&M Office of Operations Mr. John J. Bagnall, Office of Operations Office of Operations Office of Operations Project Under Consideration: Project 00-20, Preparation of Bibliography of Current Soviet Scientific and Technical Periodicals by the Library of Congress.
25X1A	I.	Scope of Project: (1) Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates on November 25, 1947 requested roval for
25X1A	Est Sci pre	the preparation on a current basis of a "Bibliography of Curt Soviet Scientific and Technical Periodicals." (2) Subsequently, on 3 December 1947, Assistant Director, Reports and imates submitted a further memorandum setting forth the belief of the entific Branch, ORE that in addition to the scientific and technical periodicals viously mentioned, a large number of periodicals in other fields such as drama, ic, art, education, economics, etc., are available.
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IV, References:

- (1) Memorandum to Chairman, Projects Review Committee, dated 25 November 1947, from Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates, subject: "Preparation of Bibliography of Current Soviet Scientific and Technical Periodicals by the Library of Congress."
- (2) Memorandum to Director, CIA, dated 3 December 1947, from Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates, subject: "Preparation of Full Bibliography of Current Soviet Periodicals by the Library of Congress."

V. <u>Discussion</u>:

The Chairman reviewed the two memoranda submitt	ted by the Uffice of Kep
and Estimates,	
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of current Soviet scientific and technical periodica	als; and the second, an
sion of this project to include the entire output of	Soviet periodicals and
	and suggested that the
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proposals be considered as a unit.	

of the Library of Congress; and, further, that although the periodicals mentioned in the second memorandum would not have the high intelligence value of the scientific and technical periodicals, they would contain very useful indications of current Soviet trends and therefore would prove valuable.

Discussion ensued of the activities of Documents Branch, Office of Operations, and the possibility of that Branch undertaking the preparation of the proposed bibliography. Mr. Bagnall stated that this would be feasible; that upon receipt of a statement of basic requirements from ORE, Documents Branch can follow any desired line in extracting information of interest to 5000000176094-17s complete Approved For Release 2002/09/04. CIA-RDF81-00706R000000176094-17s complete

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25X1A	articles if so desired; that CIA has access to all Library of Congress periodicals,				
	including the backlog, although as yet there has been no desire to exploit the				
	latter; that ordinarily between scientific and technical periodicals				
	are screened per month in the Documents Branch.				
	General Wright pointed out that as time goes on there will be an increasing				
25X1A	number of documents and papers placed in Documents Branch which will not be				
	available to the Library of Congress, and consequently, it might be advisable				
	for CIA to undertake a general bibliography, which could be made available to				
	other agencies, with special emphasis on building up the scientific angle.				
	commented on the probable interest of scientific founda-				
	tions and universities in such a bibliography, and Mr. Babbitt agreed that it				
	should not be so classified as to restrict its dissumination to other agencies,				
	since it would be of extreme value to other scientific and technical organiza-				
	tions.				
25X1A	Since it appeared the general belief of the Committee that as between				
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25X1A -	the latter course is preferable, General				
	Wright completed the discussion by stating that ORE would furnish a statement				
	of requirements which would be turned over to the Office of Operations for				
	implementation, with the Office of Collection and Dissemination handling the				
	dissemination of the finished product.				
	VI. Action Taken:				
	The Projects Review Committee recommends that the Director of Central				
	Intelligence:				

(1) Approve adoption of the project for a complete bibliography of current Soviet periodicals to be undertaken by the Office of Operations upon receipt of a statement of requirements from Office of Reports and Estimates.

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(2) Director Office of Operations to report on the implementation of the project with regard to adequacy of facilities of the Documents Branch to meet national intelligence requirements in this field.

E. K. WRIGHT
Brigadier General, USA
Chairman, Projects Review Committee

APPROVED: 23 December 1947

R. H. HILLENKOETTER
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Director of Central Intelligence